

The Voice of the Waushara County Libraries

A LIBRARY CARD: A VITAL SCHOOL SUPPLY

Libraries across the country note that a vital school supply for all students and parents is a library card.

Last year, the Menominee Public Library visited the city's three elementary schools on the first day of school to sign-up children and adults for its new "Smart Card." The card uses technology that helps the library and library patrons manage Internet access, printing, and photocopying as well as traditional borrowing of library items. Children's Librarian Jodi Bird reports that between 50 and 75 children signed up for a library card last September. The library plans to repeat the first-day-of-school visits again this year.

Milwaukee Public Library ran a library card sign-up program with the Milwaukee Teachers Education Association last year. Nearly 2,000 children got new library cards and a back-to-school pencil. The library has partnered with local television stations in previous years as well as doing outreach at back-to-school fairs and other events for children and families. "A first library card is a really exciting milestone," said Lorelei Stark of the library's marketing department. "We try to make it fun."

A library card is a ticket to a world of learning and opportunity. Whether children are attracted to facts, fiction, or fantasy, librarians are on hand to help recommend materials suitable for various ages and interests. Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifelong learning.

And, our libraries offer more than books. Children can use library computers, get help with homework, or check out CDs and videos. Our state's library websites provide homework help around the clock through quality online resources such as www.BadgerLink.net and live help from professional reference librarians at www.AskAway.info.

Programming at libraries ranges from children's story time to pre-teen and adult book groups as well as informational and entertaining programming that reach out to families. A recent study by the American Library Association showed 44 percent of survey respondents said they use the library as a place for the family to spend time together.

Library cards are free to children as well as to adults at Wisconsin's 387 public libraries. Get a library card. It's a vital school supply and the smartest card you can own.



Elizabeth Burmaster
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

The Superintendent of Public Instruction provides direction and technical support to public schools in Wisconsin. In addition, the Department of Public Instruction assists administrators of public schools with a broad range of programs and professional services. They distribute the money that the state and federal governments give to schools. They also offer guidance and counseling and develop public library resource information.

WAUTOMA

Fall is in full swing at the Wautoma Public Library. We began pre-school story time on Thursday morning, October 5th at 10:30 a.m. with Mr. Dan the Story man.

On October 10th, we had a real treat for those interested in old haunted houses and such. Chad Lewis, author of *Haunted Places in Wisconsin* told us we needed to know about the subject.

Our Friends of the Library are buying a new book case for the children's room. The old one will move to the book sale room. The library board is still considering options about fundraising. We hope to get a plan in place very soon. This was our busiest summer ever, and we definitely need the room for expansion.

As the leaves change color and the nights get cooler, we hope that all of you will have a great autumn!

HANCOCK

With fall comes change, and so be it as well at the Library! The Hancock Public Library will be adding some much needed shelving. Our DVD's CD's and audio books will now have a section of their own and paperbacks will be moving as well. Stop by the Library to see what's moving where, or find out what else is going on.

POY SIPPI



Summer Reading Program winners, Hannah and Catelyn Olsen

Another Summer Reading Program has ended, another school year has begun! During the summer, students visit the library for recreational purposes, now they are visiting the library to complete homework assignments! That is just one of the many ways your local library serves the community!

On October 14, Friends of the Library will be hosting a Bake Sale at the Poy Sippi Elementary from 10am to 1pm. All monies raised from this sale will be applied to the Library's Building Loan. Since October of 2003, community support for the library has enabled us to pay back over \$11,000 on our loan. As of this writing, the Library owes \$3,000 on its debt and our goal is to pay it off by the end of the year. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of the Library Board Trustees, Friends of the Library and everyone who participated in our fund raisers! Thank you!

PLAINFIELD

What a FANTASTIC Summer! The Library was very busy in June, July and August. Our total circulation for those three months was 9,797 items. The young people did a great job of keeping up good reading skills this summer. Here are the statistics for the summer reading challenge:

- Preschool through 2nd grade read 985 books
- 3rd and 4th graders read 417 books
- 5th grade and older read 6,300 minutes.

The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone for coming to our two fundraisers we had this year, your support is appreciated. The Fire Department bake sale raised \$69.25 and at the Bean Fest Book & Bake Sale we raised \$477.50.

Our Pre-School Story Time will start Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. We will have two or three stories and a small make-and-take craft. Hope we see you!

PINE RIVER

The Summer Reading Challenge was a great success. As a result of their efforts, participants earned enough points to donate a flock of chickens, three bunnies, and one sheep to the Heifer International's Read-to-Feed program. A very special "Thank you" to the Friends of the Library, who sponsored this program.

We had an Open House on Sept. 30 to say "Good Bye and Thank You" to Becky Horvath, Pine River's Librarian for the past couple of years. Becky did a fantastic job and we are pleased that she will continue to lead the Book Club and remain active with the Friends of the Library. We also welcome our new director, Jeanne Williamson.

The coming of fall marks the start of many programs. The "River Edge Readers" will resume meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The following books are among those chosen for discussion: *Dreams From My Father*, by Barack O Bama (Oct) *My Antonia* or *O Pioneers*, by Willa Cather (Nov) and *Tuesdays with Morrie*, by Mitch Albom (Dec)

Fall also signals the start of story hour, every Wednesday, starting at 10:30 am. The autumn session runs from Sept. 20 through Nov. 22. If your pre-schooler, kindergartener, or elementary homeschooler enjoys, singing, stories, and crafts - not to mention snacks - we invite them to attend!

Raffle tickets are still available for the "one-of-a-kind" Wisconsin Author's Signature Quilt. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 8:30 pm during the Friends of The Library's Autumn Hoedown. For information about the Friend's Authors Quilt or the Autumn Hoedown, contact Friend's President, Becky Horvath.

WILD ROSE

Patterson Memorial Library has been bustling with new programming for the fall. The new school year has started and so has the after-school program for the kids. The library is still looking for tutors, so if you are interested, please let us know. New this year is a special program for the early dismissal days. The school calendar has 4 this year, the first being Oct. 10th. At 2 PM that afternoon we will present "The Spirit of the Drum" with Vicki Peterson Jenks, who will facilitate an exciting drum circle. Mrs. Jenks has conducted, performed and taught on six continents!

- Our Third Tuesday book discussion group has begun. We are always looking for more members.
- Monthly Family Nites for preschoolers and their parents began in September. Family Nite programs include dinner, stories, crafts and a parenting discussion.
- Adult knitting classes began in September and will run through November.
- Jill Wilbert from the Family Crisis Center will do a program for teens and adults on Thurs. Oct. 12th, 7PM, about "healthy relationships".
- Our Teen Lock-in will be held on Friday, Oct. 27th at 9:30 PM-6 AM Saturday. For more information on any of our programs, ask at the circulation desk or check our website; www.wildroselibrary.org

BERLIN

October has a number of programs.

- October 14 at 10a.m Barbara Bellmer, art teacher and gourd crafter, will talk about gourd crafts and lead a workshop to create a gourd ornament. The workshop is limited to 20 people so early sign up is encouraged.
- October 15-21 is Archives Week. We will be showing the DVD *Berlin, Wisconsin, 1938* on October 19 at 2pm and 6:30 to celebrate the week and emphasize the importance of preserving historical material.
- October 25 will be a mystery book discussion at 7pm.
- October 26 at 6:30 get ready for Halloween by viewing the Alfred Hitchcock classic: *The Lady Vanishes*.
- November 2 at 7pm. learn how to create a container garden that will brighten any corner of your home, whether it's large or small through the winter. Pre-register to get a chance to win a winter container garden.

COLOMA

Coloma Public Library has concluded another Summer Reading Program. We had a total of 84 patrons who signed up to do the reading challenge and averaged 41 children and 13 adults at the weekly performers. Our Librarian Sandy got a little thrill when we had "Dino" here. We believe the picture says it all.



As an added bonus this summer our Internet workstations were 68% busier and we had 73% more people using our service. There were many more laptops, even on our days closed.

We have a new next-door neighbor to the Library, the Coloma Coffeehouse. They have a card at each table that has different information each week. This week the Library got a plug... "Questions recently asked... Why do you ask people if they have a Coloma library card? Because if they do, they get 10% off on all of their drink purchases. Being a Coloma resident means getting a discount from us. Besides we have a SUPER library and want everyone to know it and use it! (Our new Peanut Butter Sandies are named after the librarian!)" What great and wonderful supporters of the library.

REDGRANITE

The Redgranite Library welcomes new assistant Mary Batterman. A retired teacher, Mary is fluent in Spanish and designs web pages in her spare time.

The new Friends of the Library organized a fun-filled Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales summer program. Adults, teens and children turned in a record number of reading reports for weekly prizes donated by local businesses. Drawings for other prizes were held each month. The grand finale party and end of the program was held at Willow Creek Park on Labor Day weekend with raffle prizes and coloring contest prizes given out. Sixty children joined in on the coloring contest that day.

In July the new Zoomobile from the Green Bay Zoo, sponsored by Winnefox Library System, was a fun and educational tie-in to the summer program. This was a first time for penguins in the library.

The best to all the summer visitors who are leaving for warmer climates. Much appreciation was expressed for the internet access to keep in touch with family and pay the bills.

@your library

Why buy when you can borrow?
Your public library is a goldmine of books, magazines, movies, CDs and other great stuff.

Free@your library.
Most public libraries provide computers—and classes—for kids to use, mom and dad too.

Make learning fun.
Check out reading clubs, storyhours, movies and other free programs for kids and families.

Need homework help?
Encourage your child to ask a pro—your librarian.

Keep kids reading.
The more kids read, the better they do in school. Your library has something for every age and interest.

The Smartest Card
Get it. Use it.
@your library

Look, Listen & Enjoy.
Borrow films and music for the whole family.

It's never too late!
Use the library 24/7 online.

If you don't see it, ask!
The library may be able to get it for you.

Bring the whole family!
How many places can you all enjoy together? For free!!!

Remember, learning begins at home.
See your library's parenting collection for tips on how you can be your child's first and best teacher.

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Waushara County Libraries

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121 West Park Avenue Berlin, WI 54923
920-361-5420 www.berlinlibrary.org
Monday 9-8
Tuesday 9-8
Wednesday 9-8
Thursday 9-8
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5 (Summer 9-1)

COLOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

155 Front Street Coloma, WI 54930
715-228-2530 www.colomalibrary.org
Monday 10-5
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-1

HANCOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

114 South Main Street Hancock, WI 54943
715-249-5817 www.hancocklibrary.org
Monday 12-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 12-6
Friday 12-6
Saturday 10-1

LEON-SAXEVILLE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

N4715 County Road E Pine River, WI 54965
920-987-5110 www.pineriverlibrary.org
Monday 4-7
Tuesday 2-7 (Close at 6:30 the 1st Tuesday of month)
Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 2-7
Friday 2-7
Saturday 10-1

PATTERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

500 Division Avenue Wild Rose, WI 54984
920-622-3835 www.wildroselibrary.org
Monday 10-6
Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 10-9
Friday 10-8

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

126 South Main Street Plainfield, WI 54966
715-335-4523 www.plainfieldlibrary.org
Monday 12-5
Tuesday 10-5
Wednesday 10-5 & 7-8
Friday 10-5
Saturday 9-12

POY SIPPI PUBLIC LIBRARY

W2251 Commercial Street Poy Sippi, WI 54967
920-987-5737 www.poylippilibrary.org
Monday 10-7
Wednesday 12-7
Thursday 3-7
Friday 3-7
Saturday 9-12

REDGRANITE PUBLIC LIBRARY

135 W. Bannerman Avenue Redgranite, WI 54970
920-566-0176 www.redgranitelibrary.org
Monday 3-7
Wednesday 11-4
Thursday 3-7
Friday 10-6
Saturday 9-12

WAUTOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

410 West Main Street Wautoma, WI 54982
920-787-2988 www.wautomalibrary.org
Monday 9-6
Tuesday 9-6
Wednesday 9-6
Thursday 9-6
Friday 9-6
Saturday 10-3

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